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Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 8, 1961

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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SUBJECT: POVL BANG-JENSEN
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Information furnished by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on April 25, 1961, indicates that on April 19, 1961, Mrs. Poul Bang-Jensen was recalled before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and questioned as to whether she would agree to have the Committee incorporate into the record of the Bang-Jensen case a particular paragraph, which is not further identified, from her husband's journal as well as other pertinent paragraphs which she might agree to be pertinent to the Bang-Jensen case. Committee also suggested that for reasons of personal security, Mrs. Bang-Jensen might desire to have the journals of her husband kept in the possession of the Committee with the proviso that she could have access to them at any time. Mrs. Bang-Jensen agreed to this suggestion.

This information which is classified "~~Top Secret~~" by the Committee apparently relates to certain entries in a journal or daybook of Poul Bang-Jensen, former United Nations employee who was found dead in New York in November, 1959. The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee under Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Democrat, Connecticut), Vice-chairman of the Committee, has held hearings intermittently during the past year into circumstances pertaining to the death of Bang-Jensen, due to agitation from various sources that questioned the verdict of suicide. We have previously received and reviewed galley proofs of the Staff Committee Report showing the results of these hearings and no information was found which required any action by the Bureau in the Bang-Jensen case.

Certain memoranda prepared by Bang-Jensen prior to his death, particularly as they related to his disagreement with officials of the United Nations, appeared in the galley proofs. It is not clear at this point whether the data referred to by the Committee during the course of the appearance of Mrs. Bang-Jensen on April 19, 1961, is the same data that is in the galley proofs or whether this is additional information from Bang-Jensen's journal.

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Re: POVL BANG-JENSEN

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RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as one of the questions that has never been resolved in the Bang-Jensen case involved his alleged knowledge of the identities of certain Soviet officials who desired to defect after the Hungarian revolt, it is suggested that arrangements be made by Mr. DeLoach to examine the documents referred to in order to see whether there is any additional information in the journal of Bang-Jensen that might throw any light on this subject. It is believed advisable to do this even though we requested Bang-Jensen to identify those individuals prior to his death and he refused to do so. ~~XXXXXX~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: April 25, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY, SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE*KONV BANG - JENSEN*

The following volume of ~~top secret~~ testimony has been received from the Committee and sent to [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate review and returned to my office to be returned to the Committee.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Volume 1, April 19, 1961 - ~~top secret~~. Statement of Mrs. Povl Bang Jensen.

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Wednesday, April 19, 1961

United States Senate,
Subcommittee to Investigate the
Administration of the
Internal Security Act and Other
Internal Security Laws
of the
Committee on the Judiciary,

Washington, D. C

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 1:20 o'clock
~~p.m., in Suite 232, Old Senate Office Building, Senator Thomas~~
J. Dodd presiding.

Present: Senator Dodd.

Also present: David Martin of the Subcommittee Staff.

STATEMENT OF MRS. POVL BANG-JENSEN

Mr. Martin. Mrs. Bang-Jensen, would you agree to have this Subcommittee incorporate into the record of the Bang-Jensen case, the paragraph from your husbands journal which you have typed up and other paragraphs which you may agree have pertinence to the case?

Mrs. Bang-Jensen. Yes.

Mr. Martin. It has occurred to us, Mrs. Bang-Jensen, that for reasons of personal security that it might be best to have this journal place in safe custody in Washington since people may believe that the journal actually contains things that are in it.

~~Would you be agreeable to having the journal first turned~~
over to the Subcommittee on Internal Security, then to be placed in safe custody by the Subcommittee with the understanding of course that you may have possession of it at any time you might wish to have it?

Senator Dodd. I think at this point for the record I will say that I assure you this journal will be placed in a secure place in a safe here in Washington.

Mrs. Bang-Jensen. All right.

Mr. Martin. The journal which you have brought with you, Mrs. Bang-Jensen, as I understand it, was kept on a contemporaneous basis by your husband?

Mrs. Bang-Jensen. Yes.

Mr. Martin. In the journal had made entries as the events transpired?

Mrs. Bang-Jensen. Yes.

Senator Dodd. May I thank you for your helpfulness. I know it was not easy for you to make another trip here to assist us in preparing our report on the tragic death of your husband.

(Whereupon, at 1:22 o'clock p.m., the proceedings were concluded.)

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TO :

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W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT:

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DATE: August 21, 1961

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On August 14, 1961, Mr. DeLoach's office obtained from the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee Volume I (Executive Session) of testimony taken before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on August 10, 1961, in connection with the inquiry of that Committee into the case of Povl Bang-Jensen. Bang-Jensen was a former employee of the United Nations who was dismissed for insubordination in connection with his refusal to identify certain sources through which he obtained information regarding the Hungarian revolt. He was found shot to death on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, and hearings have previously been held by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee based on previous charges from various sources that Bang-Jensen's death was actually engineered by the Soviets.

The hearings conducted on August 10, 1961, were allegedly held for the purpose of attempting to resolve certain discrepancies in previous testimony having to do with the Bang-Jensen case, specifically with respect to certain conversations which Bang-Jensen had with [redacted]

[redacted] and Bang-Jensen also had several interviews with Robert Morris, a former staff member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

The key issue revolves around a certain memorandum prepared by [redacted] relating to several conversations that he had with Bang-Jensen between November of 1956 and March of 1957. Morris has alleged that Bang-Jensen was [redacted]

[redacted] testimony does not contain any information of this type and he has denied, under oath, that Bang-Jensen mentioned anything about [redacted] to him. Bang-Jensen did allege that the [redacted]

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Re: POVL BANG-JENSEN
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The transcript of the hearings indicates that Senator Dodd of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee was attempting to develop further information regarding the actual handling of allegations made by Bang-Jensen regarding [redacted]
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Review of the testimony indicates that, at this point, nothing has been resolved by the Committee since [redacted] has reiterated his previous testimony and Judge Robert Morris has also reiterated his previous testimony and was critical of the Bang-Jensen matter.

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OBSERVATIONS:

We have reviewed the Bang-Jensen case on a number of previous occasions and our position has consistently been that there was insufficient evidence to warrant any action by the FBI with respect to the Bang-Jensen matter. Furthermore, Bang-Jensen was interviewed prior to his death by Agents of the New York Office and at that time he refused to divulge the [redacted]
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[redacted] would not produce any substantial facts to back up these allegations in spite of efforts to pin him down. ~~C~~

REFERENCES TO THE FBI DURING THE COURSE OF THE TESTIMONY

On August 10, 1961, reference was made to the FBI in the following points in the testimony:

Mr. Sourwine of the Committee questioned [redacted] as to whether he said anything to Robert Morris which might indicate that [redacted] believed that the FBI [redacted] were aware of Bang-Jensen's efforts to see [redacted] said he did not recall specifically mentioning the FBI, but that he might have done so since he assumed that [redacted] did furnish the contents of a memorandum prepared by him to the interested [redacted]
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Memo from Branigan to [redacted]
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On pages 42 and 43 Robert Morris in his testimony before the Committee stated that [redacted] told him he had made a full report to [redacted] and that he was sure that Mr. Hoover, of the FBI, as well as other intelligence persons knew of Bang-Jensen's request. Morris stated that he was surprised that Mr. Hoover was brought into the matter and that he considered it a delinquency to bring the Director's name into the Bang-Jensen affair. There is nothing in the testimony which appears to warrant any action by the FBI at this time.

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ACTION:

This is submitted for information purposes and it is recommended that one copy of the testimony be filed in the main case file on Povl Bang-Jensen.

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TO :

DATE: August 10, 1961

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: PAVEL BANG-JENSEN
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At noon today SAC Laughlin called from Boston to advise that he had received a telephone call from Bob Morris, former Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and now President of the University of Dallas. Morris said he is going to testify at 2:00 P. M. today before a Senate committee which apparently is considering the matter of Bang-Jensen.

Morris referred to a conversation he had with Laughlin in 1958 relative to Bang-Jensen's assertion that he knew [redacted] Morris said that Laughlin told him that before we could talk to [redacted] Morris said that he had subsequently talked to me concerning this matter also.

Laughlin said he could not recall talking to Morris. He said that Morris told him that he felt this was not a matter into which the FBI should be drawn; therefore [redacted]

[redacted] Morris said that he had talked to a [redacted] who was an [redacted] talked to Bang-Jensen several times and claims that he made a full report to his superiors. Bang-Jensen claimed that the [redacted] Morris remarked that the [redacted] were never interviewed.

I told Laughlin that the Bang-Jensen case had received a great deal of publicity as Bang-Jensen had refused to furnish [redacted] and as a result had been fired and later was found dead, presumably a suicide. I told Laughlin that Morris had attempted to build a fire under this matter on the premise that [redacted] on Bang-Jensen's allegations and that possibly Bang-Jensen was [redacted]

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I checked with Mr. DeLoach, who will ascertain what testimony Morris gives so that we can check and see that the Bureau's interests are properly protected. You will recall that ASAC [redacted] of New York interviewed Bang-Jensen, who was unable to furnish [redacted] and who was nonspecific in his allegations despite efforts to pin him down. You will recall also that the New York Police investigated the Bang-Jensen death and concluded that he was a suicide. ~~C~~

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We should be alert to any effort to draw the Bureau into this matter and we should have at hand the information in our files for ready reference in view of the fact that allegedly a Senate committee is making inquiry into it.

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TO :

DATE: August 14, 1961

FROM :

Mr. C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL
 SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

REV. BANG - JENSEN

The following volume of testimony has been received from the Committee and sent to [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate review and return to my office to be returned to the Committee:

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Robert Morris, University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE: October 11, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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 "THE BANG-JENSEN CASE"
 SEPTEMBER 14, 1961

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For record purposes, there is attached one copy of a press release which was issued by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) on Tuesday, A. M., October 10, 1961. The release states that the SISS today released its long-awaited report on the case of Povl Bang-Jensen, Danish diplomat and one-time Assistant Secretary of the United Nations Committee on Hungary. In the introduction to the report, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Vice Chairman of the SISS, who initiated and directed the investigation, stated that while it was not the function of Congress to investigate the United Nations, "there were aspects of the Bang-Jensen case which impinged directly on American security and where investigation seemed to be warranted." Also attached is one copy of the printed version of the report mentioned above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

FROM :

W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT:

POVL BANG-JENSEN

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ON 6-1-84

This memorandum is informative. It sets forth the results of a review of the report of the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other internal security laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 87th Congress, entitled "The Bang-Jensen Case." The report is dated 9/14/61 and was released 10/10/61. It contains no information which will require further action by the Bureau. Pertinent references to the Bureau are noted.

Since the death of Poul Bang-Jensen, former United Nations employee, on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, considerable agitation for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death has come from various quarters. Bang-Jensen's death was officially declared a suicide by the New York City Police Department. Intermittently since that time, Senator Dodd of Connecticut, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, has held hearings in connection with the death of Bang-Jensen. The Subcommittee report is primarily a review of material involving Bang-Jensen's disagreement with various officials of the United Nations. It attempts to justify the investigation of the Bang-Jensen case on the theory that the Bang-Jensen case shows a lack of proper security in the United Nations and that this situation has a bearing on the security of the United States. The implication of the entire case is that the Soviets were responsible, directly or indirectly, for the death of Bang-Jensen and a portion of the report involves the question of certain unidentified Soviets who desired to defect to the West and whose identities were known to Bang-Jensen. (In this connection, Bang-Jensen was interviewed at the New York Office in September, 1958.)

In the summary of facts and findings (Chapter seven, page 59), the Committee report noted that the Bang-Jensen matter was a highly sensitive matter involving the United Nations and that both

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[redacted] and the FBI took the stand that they could not act without higher authorization from [redacted]. The Committee report further noted that the only action called for was a simple suggestion from [redacted] to [redacted] that he listen to what Bang-Jensen had to say. The conclusions in general [redacted] for Bang-Jensen's inability to furnish information concerning [redacted].

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References to the FBI

Page 25 of the report points out that [redacted] who was originally contacted by Bang-Jensen, was questioned as to why no action was taken on Bang-Jensen's request. [redacted] replied by letter 2/20/61 setting forth its explanation for [redacted]. In the explanation, reference was made to the fact that data from [redacted] memorandum of 3/7/57 was forwarded to [redacted] and the FBI.

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The reply of the Bureau as to our position in the Bang-Jensen matter appears on page 35. It stated that the Bureau's position, in substance, was that this was an administrative matter and that no action was contemplated by the Bureau in the absence of a specific request from [redacted] or the Department of Justice. (This matter was cleared with the Bureau prior to [redacted] reply to the Committee regarding [redacted] handling of the Bang-Jensen matter.)

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References appear in Chapter six (pages 53-55) to the case of Walter Krivitsky, Lawrence Duggan, and others who have been involved with the Soviets and who have died under mysterious circumstances indicating suicide. References appear to the fact that certain of these individuals were questioned by the Bureau or that they were involved in cases being investigated by the Bureau. Page 62 of the report concludes that simulated or induced suicide are very real phenomena and that local police chiefs would be well advised to call in the FBI immediately in any case of apparent suicide where there is any possible reason for believing that the Kremlin stood to benefit from the death of the deceased.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information. No action is recommended with respect to the contents of this report.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 31, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the investigation concerning the matter mentioned in your communication was conducted by the New York City Police Department. In the absence of any information indicating jurisdiction on the part of the FBI, it was not possible for us to enter the case. In view of the above, I have no information available for distribution concerning this case.

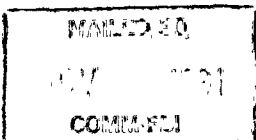
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Enclosed is some literature you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Story of The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Cooperation The Backbone of Effective Law Enforcement
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. She is apparently referring to the alleged suicide on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, at Queens, New York of Paul Bang-Jensen. Bang-Jensen was, prior to his death, an employee of the United Nations. There has been speculation to the effect that his death was not a suicide but was a murder.

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October 31, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

10/31/61
I am a senior college student in Erie, Pennsylvania. In
my course in social teachings we have discussed the *72-10* ~~Beng-Jenssen~~ Case.
I am very much interested in learning about it. Please send me any
information available on this case.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 15, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind remarks about my book.

It is most encouraging to me when young people express a deep interest in problems confronting our country as a result of the communist menace. I have great faith in the youth of this Nation, and I welcome this chance to be of possible assistance. It is vital that we gain a broad knowledge of the origin, aims and methods of the communist conspiracy in order that we may intelligently comprehend the sharp contrast between the system of justice and individual opportunity which prevails in a free world and the atheistic and purely materialistic doctrines of communism.

Ultimately, this issue will be resolved where it originated-- in the minds of men. The young men and women of today who mature with strong minds, courageous hearts and ready hands will share the opportunity to defeat this subversive threat with the weapon it most fears--truth.

In view of the concern you expressed in your communication, enclosed is some literature about communism you may care to read.

In response to your other inquiry, investigation regarding the matter you mentioned was conducted by the New York City Police Department and in the absence of any information indicating investigative jurisdiction on the part of the FBI, it was not possible for us to enter the case.

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
3-1-60 LEB Intro and An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. His inquiry concerns Paul Bang-Jensen who was an alleged suicide in Queens, New York, on Thanksgiving Day, 1959. There have been rumors and speculation that Bang-Jensen, who formerly was connected with the United Nations, was murdered.

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November 15, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Respectfully yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter postmarked November 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write, investigation concerning the matter you mentioned was conducted by the New York City Police Department. As there was no information indicating jurisdiction on the part of the FBI, we did not enter this case. I regret that I am unable to help you since this Bureau has no data available on the topic you have chosen.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It is believed she is referring to the alleged suicide of Paul Bang-Jensen, former United Nations employee, which occurred on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, in Queens, New York.

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For the first time in our ten years of existence we are mailing material to you other than by first class mail. The reason is the enclosure of the 115-page report of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate on the Bang-Jensen case. If we mailed this to all our correspondents first class, it would bust the bank not only of our Council and the Alex de Tocqueville Society's virtually nonexistent treasury, but also that of the Upholsterers' International Union, who pay our normal postage bills.

The attached letter of appeal from the Povl Bang-Jensen Memorial Fund is not aimed at our correspondents, who were the first to be informed on that case back in 1958, and most of whom made personal contributions long ago, ranging from one dollar up to the single thousand received from President George Meany of AFL-CIO, which kept the commitment to the Bang-Jensen children for this year sometime ago. You might pass it on to someone else who hasn't seen either the appeal or the Senate report.

Columbia University has just set up, for scholars and advanced graduate students only, what they admit is the first institute created in any free country to study the phenomenon of the communist operation as a whole, and not just as a Russian phenomenon, etc., although the communists have had a dozen subversion academies from Moscow to Prague to Havana and the Argentine in operation for from thirty-four years to four months. The University of Southern California followed within a week with the announcement of a more practical Institute for Analysis of Communist Propaganda and Agitation. Chairman Fulbright, however, still has the original Freedom Academy Bill (S.822), which passed a unanimous Senate on recommendation from Judiciary in 1960, locked up in Foreign Relations Committee for his Congress, without even a hearing. So far as we know, only labor has spoken up on the issue, both the Cincinnati Central Labor Union and the West Virginia State Federation of Labor demanding Congressional action on the bill within the month.

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Two questions, most disturbing questions, have been brought recently with the Congress gone from Washington. The first is whether a deal was made with Nehru to allow the lynching of Katanga in the Congo, as the only provincial anti-communist stronghold in Central Africa, in return for some slave-like sentence of support on Berlin and Hungary. The other is when will the question of vital defense through stocked fallout shelters get out of the individual cellar and tie up community, neighborhood and center city shelters with peace time solving of the problem of the off-the-street parking of the modern automobile? The old frontier and blockhouses and forts for community defense and half expected to come back to a burned out cabin, but alive. My great, great grandmother wore a wig all her life, because, while she survived the scalping as a mere infant, she lost her hair and her parents their lives from depending on defending their individual log cabin.

A brilliant and challenging document on our would-be peasant ally in Asia, by the brilliant exile Borin in Australia and others, must await another mail.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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LEW JOHNSON
SECRETARY

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL AGAINST COMMUNIST
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Dear Friend:

Thanksgiving Day, 1961, marked the second anniversary of the discovery of the body of the Danish U.N. diplomat who sacrificed his career and eventually his life rather than betray 81 witnesses who testified as to Soviet brutalities in the 1956 Hungarian revolution.

Povl Bang-Jensen is survived by his American wife and five American-born children, Karen, 17, Per, 16, Lisa, 12, Lars 10, and Nina, 6. The mother and children reside in the United States and have never lived in Denmark. All are U.S. citizens.

The persons named at the left of this page have grouped together to take action which would honor the courage of Povl Bang-Jensen. This Committee is very unusual because it is made up of Americans with widely diversified views, but in this instance unanimously agreed on the humanitarian objectives of the Fund. It is the consensus of this Committee that the most appropriate manner in which to honor the memory of the heroic Bang-Jensen is to finance college opportunities for the surviving five children.

The Committee, of which I have the honor to be Chairman, needs your support of this Memorial Fund. Contributions of any amount can be sent directly to the Povl Bang-Jensen Memorial Fund, Box 3206, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N.Y. Acknowledgments and receipts will be sent to all donors. All monies received will be used wholly for the benefit of the children. All expenses in connection with the promotion and administration of the Fund are being paid by members of the Committee.

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"There is no way of effectively grieving for the dead except by being good to the living."

—Rebecca West.

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Reference is made to previous communications from the New York Office concerning the captioned individual.

Attached for the information of the New York Office are two copies each of anonymous letter and envelope received at the Bureau on 11/27/61. The contents of the anonymous communication are self-explanatory.

The Bureau feels that this data should be brought to the attention of the New York Police Department, and the New York Office should, therefore, furnish a copy of the anonymous communication to the Police Department for such action as it may deem appropriate. No investigation is desired insofar as the New York Office is concerned with respect to the Bang-Jensen case.

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NOTE:

Povl Bang-Jensen was found shot to death on Thanksgiving Day, 1951, in New York. His death has been a highly controversial matter and allegations have been made that the Soviets were possibly responsible for the death of Bang-Jensen but made it appear to be a suicide. We have conducted no investigation in the Bang-Jensen case. However, in view of controversial nature of this case, it is believed desirable to furnish any data received to the New York Police Department, which Department handled the investigation involving Bang-Jensen's death.

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Just in case you would be interested in knowing how I saw this I am including this extra sheet. You see I was coming home from school and I happened to be sitting and looking out the window on the left side of the bus I was on. The bus was going along Myrtle Avenue.

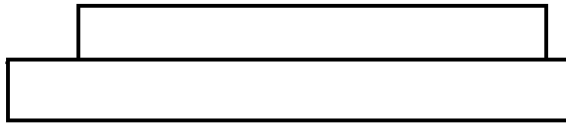
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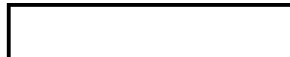
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March 11, 1964

The attached clipping and note were sent anonymously to the Director from New York, N.Y. The note contains the following message:

"Another Soviet Murder which has been forgotten by the F. B. I."

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MISSING UN AID CALLED SUICIDE

Body, Gun and Note in Park



(NEWS foto by Tom Gallagher)

Joseph Galka and dog discovered dead diplomat



(NEWS foto)

Diplomat's Trail Ends in Death

Povl Bang-Jensen, with wife, Helen, as they looked over plants growing in their home at 18 Old Farm Road, Lake Success, L. I. His death was believed a suicide but authorities are wondering why he did it. His wife says Bang-Jensen had "religious scruples against this sort of thing." Danish national's body was found by Joseph Galka (←) and a neighbor while they were walking their dogs in Alley Pond Park, Queens, early yesterday. —Story on page 2; other pictures on page 38.

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Re Legat, London, letter 2/4/64 requesting Bureau comments regarding an unconfirmed allegation involving two Hungarian diplomats in the "murder" of Bang-Jensen.

For your information, Povl (Paul) Bang-Jensen, a former United Nations employee, was found dead under somewhat peculiar circumstances on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, in New York. Bang-Jensen's death was officially declared suicide by the New York City Police Department (PD). At the time of his death and periodically since considerable agitation for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death has come from various sources. Implications have been made that the Soviets were responsible directly or indirectly for the death of Bang-Jensen, however, no facts have ever been received to substantiate the allegations of murder with respect to Bang-Jensen's demise.

As you are aware, [redacted] both have been in the United States as Hungarian diplomatic representatives. [redacted] served in the U. S. from [redacted]

There is no indication in surmises that either individual has been in the U. S. on other occasions and particularly at the time of Bang-Jensen's death.

The Bureau was not involved in the investigation of Bang-Jensen's death. [redacted]

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Letter to London

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NOTE:

Legat, London, reports receipt by [redacted] of unconfirmed report alleging that [redacted]

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[redacted] with Bang-Jensen's death, coupled with the fact he had refused to furnish superiors at the UN the names of Hungarian sources of information he had utilized in preparing a particular UN report, some mystery was created regarding the circumstances of his death. Extensive investigation by the New York City, FD, concluded that death was a suicide and no foul play was determined.

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